

8 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WILSON

SUBJECT: NSCIC Working Group comments and questions on which the Chairman made commitments for follow-on action

1. The following summation of commitments for follow-on action, and indication as to whether such follow-up has occurred has been derived from minutes of the three meetings of the reconstituted Working Group.

2. Minutes of the 30 October meeting

Page 2: Mr. Morell asked why Treasury was not represented on the Intelligence Panel. He said he considered it important to include Treasury. "General Wilson said he had attempted to keep the Panel small, but was willing to address the addition of Treasury."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: None to date.

Page 2: Several members commented that consumers should be involved in development of the DCI's Perspectives document. The Chairman said "he hoped the Group could provide inputs for the next issuance."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: Comments on the draft "Perspectives for Intelligence, 1976-1981" are an agenda item for 12 March.

Page 3: "Mr. Ober suggested that the Working Group should discuss whether consumers rather than intelligence specialists should not draft the KIQs and the Chairman said he hoped a significant input could be made by the Working Group."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The role of the Working Group in identification of key policy issues as basis for development of ~~NIOs~~ KIQs by the NIOs ~~is described in a proposed action program to be presented 12 March to the Group.~~ is described in a proposed action program to be presented 12 March to the Group.

Page 4: During discussion of the national/tactical intelligence interface project, the Chairman said that "the working Group might be called upon to review the completed study and prepare recommendations for the NSCIC, but this cannot be determined until the initial phase of the study is completed sometime in early 1975."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: Submission of the study to the Working Group is not presently under active consideration.

Page 7: During discussion of the agenda for a November meeting, Mr. Ober suggested a report on resources particularly if there was to be any termination of programs which would have an impact on support to consumers." The Chairman said he would "endeavor to flag for Working Group members resource matters which could seriously affect the responsiveness of intelligence to user needs."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: None. This could be the subject of an informational ~~xxx~~ paper to be sent to members. MPRRD could be tasked to prepare.

The staff study already prepared by MPRRD on "the people problem" is not suitable for this purpose.

Page 7: "Admiral Hilton said it would be valuable if the Group could have a full listing of ongoing activities relating to the interests of the Group." (The Chairman made no response to this comment.)

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: None. The comment was so broad in nature a response is difficult to visualize. This is being addressed, in a sense, by the briefings presented and by the proposed informational papers described in the action program to be considered 12 March.

Page 7: "Mr. Morell said the Group should consider its relationships with the reactivated Requirements Advisory Board." This is now the Economic Intelligence Subcommittee of the NSCIC.

FOLLOW-ON ACTION. None to date, since it is not clearly indicated how the EIS will operate. could be tasked to prepare a paper on this subject.

3. Minutes of the 20 November meeting

Para 3: "General Wilson referred to Admiral Hilton's letter (of 19 November) requesting the Working Group be briefed on organization, capabilities and present activities of the Intelligence Community. The Chairman said such briefings might be provided later..."

~~WILSON~~ FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The 29 January and 12 March briefings respond to this in part. So also does the proposed program for issuance of informational papers as described in the action program to be considered 12 March.

Para 4: Mr. Ellsworth... "thought there would be merit in the Intelligence Community taking the initiative with briefings or, preferably, a handbook for consumers on the allocation of production responsibilities, status of capabilities, etc."

Para 5: "General ~~WILSON~~ Wilson thought this was a good idea.... and said this was an action which could be moved on right away."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: An informational paper on "A handbook of production responsibilities in the Intelligence Community" is in the proposed action program to be discussed 12 March.

Para 6: Mr. Ellsworth... "thought it would be helpful if the Community were more fulsome concerning qualifications and limitations which applied to particular judgments." (Mr. Ober and Mr. Morell had comments along the same line)

Para 10: "General Wilson said a more explicit qualification of uncertainties seemed needed and this subject would be taken up with the Intelligence Panel."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: An informational paper on "The explicit expression of ~~intelligence~~ uncertainty in intelligence estimates" is in the proposed action program to be discussed 12 March.

Paras 11-16: Several members commented on the need for a means of providing feedback to the Community on its products. "General ~~WILSON~~ Wilson said this problem was one the Intelligence Panel could examine," and that a feedback system ~~x~~ "may well be a task for his IC staff."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: Action projects on "Critique of intelligence publications" and "Systematic consumer evaluation of current intelligence products" are included in the program to be discussed 12 March.

Paras 17-21: The role of the Working Group in preparation of KIQs was discussed, but the Chairman made no commitment.

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: An action project on "Inputs to KIQs for FY-1975" is in the ~~action~~ program ~~for~~ to be discussed 12 March, but it makes no provision for direct writing of KIQs by the Working Group.

Paras 24-28: The matter of circulation of schedules of upcoming estimates was discussed and question was raised as to whether such a document still existed. "General Wilson said he would check on ~~xxx~~ this and report back."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: None to date. CS/IC can prepare a memorandum on this for dissemination to the ~~WORKING~~ Group or for comment by the Chairman at the 12 March meeting.

Pare 49: "Admiral Hilton said a good first step would be a briefing on the estimative process. Mr. Brown added that this should cover the NIOs in particular. General Wilson agreed such a briefing would be provided."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: George Carver responded to this on 29 January.

Para 56: "...Mr. Morell wondered if the Group could be provided copies of PFIAB critiques of the Community. General Wilson said these were privileged papers for the President, but he would check into it."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: None. Check will be made with 25X1A9A so the record will be complete, but the answer will be "No". This will enable the Chairman to report back to the Group on 12 March.

Para 66: "General Wilson said today's comments would be reviewed to identify follow-on actions and a memorandum would be prepared."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The "Proposed Program for the ~~WORKING~~ Group" to be discussed at the 12 March meeting responds to this.

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4. Minutes of the 29 January meeting

Para 22: "Mr. Morell noted that at the last meeting he had submitted a list of proposed changes in intelligence products and wondered what had happened. Gen Wilson said that for the next meeting he proposed to present a work program listing in priority order subjects which should be undertaken in response to the inputs previously made by such as those from Mr. Morell."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The action program is ready for consideration at the 12 March meeting.

Para 23: In the discussion of the DCI's objectives for FY-1976, General Wilson said a new list of substantive objectives was desired by mid-February and "he would like to go to the NSCIC rather soon with a request for concurrence on a new list."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The objectives are to be discussed 12 March. No action has been taken to ascertain whether Mr. Colby wants his objectives approved by the NSCIC prior to his issuing them.

Para 34: After a discussion of the DCI's substantive objectives, "General Wilson said he would have the proposals which had been submitted reviewed and would confer with Mr. Carver on development of a revised set to be submitted to the members."

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The revised set is to be discussed at the 12 March meeting.

Para 49: General WILSON discussed the future program and mentioned three possible projects: (1) a review of national intelligence publications, (2) developing of an effective process for obtaining consumer reaction to particular ~~projects~~ products, and (3) a mechanism for Working Group participation in the KIQ process.

FOLLOW-ON ACTION: The program to be discussed 12 March includes a project relating to each of the three items mentioned.

5. A separate memorandum ~~for your submission to the Working Group members~~ describing the follow-on to their comments and questions has been prepared for your submission to the Working Group members.

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